



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
-EXPEDITED PROCEDURE-
EXAMINING GROUP ART GROUP UNIT 2811**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Andry et al.

Examiner: Maldonado, Julio J.

Serial No: 09/971,953

Group Art Unit: 2823

Filed: October 5, 2001

Docket: JP9-2000-0187US1 (8728-426)

For: **METHOD FOR FORMING PATTERNS FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES**

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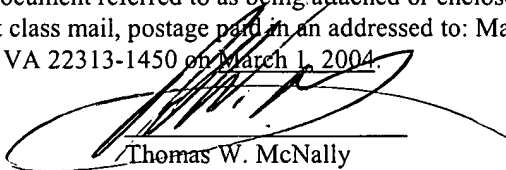
Sir:

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In re application of: **Corres. and Mail BOX AF**

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- [] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- [X] No additional fee is required.

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TOTAL	17* MINUS	21**	=	X 9 \$	X 18 \$ 0
INDEP.	3* MINUS	3***	=	X 43 \$	X 86 \$ 0
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TOTAL				OR TOTAL \$ 0	

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